



International Primary School



Lighthouse  
Special Education



Three Little Ships  
International Preschool



HAAGSCHE SCHOOLVEREENIGING PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCATIONS | THE HAGUE | THE NETHERLANDS  
PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES BROCHURE

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# OUR SCHOOLS

## KSS LOCATION

*Kon. Sophiestraat 24a, The Hague*  
International Primary Education  
One Form Entry  
Maximum 20 Pupils per Class  
140 Pupils in Total



## NSL LOCATION

*Nassaulaan 26, The Hague*  
International Primary Education  
Dutch-/ Bilingual Education (TPO)  
One Form Entry  
Maximum 20 pupils per Class  
140 International, 240 Dutch Pupils



## VNS LOCATION

*Van Nijenrodestraat 16, The Hague*  
International Primary Education  
Two Form Entry  
Maximum 20 Pupils per Class  
280 Pupils in Total



## VHS LOCATION

*Van Heutszstraat 12, The Hague*  
International Early Years Education  
International Primary Education  
International Primary Special Education  
Dutch Primary Special Education



Haagsche Schoolvereniging (HSV) has a unique and rich history beginning in 1901. At the time, its methodology was seen as pioneering, challenging the academic norms of the day. The original school was housed in the Nassaulaan building (NSL location), which is still home to one of the international department schools, as well as a Dutch-bilingual school. Today, whilst the the foundation has grown to support several Dutch and international schools under its umbrella, the values and pioneering ethos from which the school began still resonates throughout.

In 1986, The International Department began with one location, eventually expanding to three locations. At the start of the 2018-19 school year, our fourth location will open (known as VHS). Each school's name is an acronym of their much longer Dutch street name.

The HSV also offers an international early years programme through the Three Little Ships Preschool. Lighthouse Special Education provides education for children with complex additional needs. Both schools will transfer to the new VHS building for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. This will provide a more inclusive environment for these children and provide additional learning support expertise to the International Department. Families who have children with both special educational needs and typically developing children will have the opportunity for their children to attend school in the same building.

Our small locations in the centre of the Hague gives the schools a real sense of community. Our children may come from all over the world, but they each feel at home at the HSV.

# WELCOME

Since 1986, the HSV International Primary School has provided primary-aged children with exceptional educational experiences. Generations of HSV pupils have enjoyed and thrived on the wonderfully diverse opportunities on offer at our school; opportunities that we always have and always will offer within the commitment to developing the whole child to become internationally-minded leaders. This is what we mean when we speak of 'global citizenship, lifelong learning'.

We seek out quality teachers from around the world to nurture our children to become socially responsible members of society. In doing so, we help them to uncover talents, interests and values that not only prepare them for the next stage of their education, but which stay with them for life.

Our children come from diverse backgrounds with a rich tapestry of educational experiences, cultures, traditions and religions. It is our aim that teachers and pupils share and learn about these from each other. We reflect not only upon our differences but also our similarities. It is also important that our pupils have an understanding of the language and culture of our host country, the Netherlands.

I warmly invite you to experience what our tight-knit school – with its small learning environments yet globally focused education – has to offer.



**Lorraine Janet Dean**  
**HSV International Primary School Director**

*Global Citizenship,  
lifelong learning*





Since 2008, the Lighthouse Special Education School has provided a safe and structured learning environment for children with complex special educational needs.

The school is unique in The Netherlands as the only international Special Primary School in The Netherlands offering education in English.

We offer individualised education to children aged 3-13 who are unable to cope in mainstream international education. There are currently two classes: the younger class is for children aged 5 to 8 years old and the older class is for children aged 8 to 13 years old. Each class has a maximum of 8 children in it and is staffed by a teacher and a teaching assistant.

In addition to the school classes, there is an inclusive preschool class called Three Little Ships which offers an early intervention programme for children aged 2.5 to 5 years old.

The children come from international families that are temporarily based in The Netherlands, generally due to the parents' employment. The children have a range of different mother tongue languages but everyone learns to speak English at school.

The staff of the Lighthouse school all have extensive experience of working with children with complex learning challenges and most also have specialist qualifications. In addition to the classroom staff, there are also support staff – a secretary and concierge – and a group of volunteers who support the children at lunchtime.

Many of the children require additional therapies from other experts and currently speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, sensory integration therapy and occupational therapy are given to students during the school day by English-speaking internationally qualified therapists.

We hope that you enjoy finding out more about our very 'special' school.

***Helen Claus***  
***Lighthouse Special Education and Three Little Ships Interim Director***





With a population of 515,000 people, you get the vibe of a major community and the welcome of a smaller town. The city-scape is a melodic mix of past centuries Dutch style homes nestled beneath the backdrop of a modern city.

# THE HAGUE

The Hague is the festival city par excellence. Here are a few of the events you can look forward to:

Holland Dance Festival (January - February)  
International Tong Tong Fair (May - June)  
Volvo Ocean Race (June)  
Festival Classique (June)  
International Fireworks Festival (August)  
Beach Volleyball Tournament (summer)  
Food Truck Festival (September)

## PROFILE

The Hague is the capital of the province of South Holland, is the official city of the government and home to the Royal family. There are 107 embassies and consulates, as well as many international organisations and over 130 international companies. It is an excellent place to raise a family but is also a student city, offering a broad choice of educational programmes in an international environment.

Geographically speaking, The Hague boasts an 11km coastline, sand dunes that roll on forever and that are navigable by bike, flat city terrain (perfect for riding everywhere), countless green spaces, including large parks and a number of forests.





## DISTANCES & TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN FROM THE HAGUE

AMSTERDAM.....66 KM (40 MI) / 40 MIN  
 LEIDEN.....20 KM (12 MI) / 15 MIN  
 ROTTERDAM....23 KM (14 MI) / 25 MIN  
 ROTTERDAM AIRPORT.....20 KM (12 MI)  
 SCHIPHOL AIRPORT.....45 KM (28 MI) / 30 MIN  
 UTRECHT....70 KM (43 MI) / 37 MIN  
 PARIS.....480 KM (298 MI) / 3 HRS & 20 MIN  
 LONDON.....503 KM (312 MI) / 4 HRS & 40 MIN  
 BRUSSELS.....170 KM (105 MI) / 2 HRS & 15 MIN  
 DUSSELDORF...250 KM (155 MI) / 2 HRS & 30 MIN  
 COLOGNE.....290 KM (180 MI) / 2 HRS & 55 MIN



## FLIGHT TIMES FROM SCHIPHOL AIRPORT

LONDON (CITY).....1 HOUR  
 BERLIN.....1 HR & 10 MIN  
 BARCELONA.....2HRS & 10 MIN

# DISTANCES

### GOOD TO KNOW...

The Netherlands is committed to reducing 40% of its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and this is

reflected in its intentions to motion in greener transportation. As of 2017, all Dutch electric trains are powered by wind energy. Recently, Dutch

politicians voted through a motion calling on the country to ban sales of new petrol and diesel cars starting in 2025.



# OUR PARENTS



*I've been very pleased with my 4-year-old son's education at Three Little Ships/Lighthouse. My son is physically disabled and mostly non-verbal. The staff have done an excellent job identifying reasonable educational and therapeutic goals for him, helping him work towards meeting those goals, helping him feel welcome and included in classroom activities, and communicating with me about his progress. During his time at Three Little Ships, he has learned to walk independently, communicate using the Picture Exchange Communication System, match colors and shapes, interact more effectively with his peers, and much more. He has really blossomed there.*

**MICHELLE JONES - LIGHTHOUSE SPECIAL EDUCATION & THREE LITTLE SHIPS PARENT**



*My daughter has been a student at Lighthouse for the past three years and we have been thrilled with her education. The progress she has made (in both classes) has been amazing. The teachers and therapists truly meet each student's individual needs. We wish that there was a Lighthouse Special Education in every country we live in.*


**CASEY BERGEN - LIGHTHOUSE SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT**



*Finding a school like The Lighthouse is truly special and as a parent it is so important to make sure the school is the right fit for your family and child. The Lighthouse has become such an experience for us as a family. From the small class environment, individual education programs tailored to the children's needs and the dedication of the teachers and supporting staff I could not have hoped for anything better. It has become part of my network and community to give my child the best education and support possible for her needs and growth.*

**DORINDA ROSS - LIGHTHOUSE SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT**





*The core values of the school are genuine and heartfelt. It's not a school for the masses - it's quaint. There is a nice mix between respecting the local values whilst preparing the pupils for an international lifestyle.*

*ANNE CHARLOTTE BAHRNE - HSV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT*

*We chose HSV for our three boys because of its well-regarded international curriculum, the warm learning environment, global outlook and sense of community.*

*JUDITH LEVINE - HSV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT*

*We chose the HSV over other international schools in The Hague because it felt more familiar and reminded me of my school. As parents, we are asked to be involved, which we have embraced whole-heartedly.*

*PEDER ELFVING - HSV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT*

*Each year a new teacher brings in a new aspect and new approach to teaching, of which the children can benefit. What I as a parent appreciate most is my children feeling home away from home. Both of my girls love going to school and their teachers. I can't thank the whole school staff enough for providing this beautiful, safe and nurturing environment for my lovely daughters!*

*DILEK SERINGDAG - HSV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT*

*What we love about the HSV is the enormous efforts the teachers go to to ensure that the students are well-integrated. The children are exposed to so many other cultures and languages. Our daughter walked in with zero English. In less than a year, she is very fluent.*

*NICOLAS CARDENAS - HSV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT*

## Entrance Criteria

**For The Three Little Ships International Preschool, HSV International Primary School and Lighthouse Special Education, admission requirements stipulate that children must be:**

- either of non-Dutch nationality with parents working temporarily in the Netherlands ;
- of Dutch nationality, returning to the Netherlands having already received international education in English for at least two years and need to continue their education in English;
- or of Dutch nationality, expecting to leave the country within two years, where the child will attend an international or English speaking establishment.

### THREE LITTLE SHIPS PRESCHOOL

- Children from age 3 - 4
- Caters to typically developing children and children with additional needs
- As an official childcare organisation, parents have the possibility to receive a refund from the tax department for the costs of the child care (see website for more information).
- Small class sizes of maximum 16 children
- High staff-to-student ratio, with three qualified Early Years professionals working in the class
- Curriculum is play-based, designed to stimulate children to learn skills that are crucial for daily life

### HSV INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Children from age 4 - 12
- Subsidised by the Dutch Ministry of Education, ensuring school fees are competitive
- Small class sizes of maximum 20 children
- International Primary Curriculum (IPC), integrated with the British UK Framework of the National Literacy Strategy and National Numeracy Strategy
- Specialist teaching in gym, music and handicraft
- Dutch language and culture lessons
- EAL for children who require extra support in English language acquisition

### LIGHTHOUSE SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Children from age 4 - 13
- Small class sizes of maximum 8 children
- Highly qualified teaching staff with experience working with children with complex learning challenges
- A team of internationally qualified therapists available privately. Sessions generally take place at school
- An Individual Educational Plan (IEP) is designed for each student, based on his/her specific educational and emotional needs
- Depending on the child's needs, integration programmes with the HSV International Primary School may be a possibility



# After School & Holiday Care Providers

The HSV works with a number of After School Care providers, known as 'BSO' in Dutch. Most facilities offer childcare from the end of the day until 18:00. In the school holidays and study days, care is offered from around 08:30 until 18:00. The children are collected from school either by bus or on foot at the end of the day. Parents contact these organisations independently and make their own arrangements.

Working parents are eligible to receive a monthly childcare benefit from the Dutch Benefits Office of the Tax and Customs Administration. The amount is calculated based on the combined income and number of hours worked per month.

The childcare providers used by HSV families, include, but are not limited to:



Big Ben Kids

[www.bigbenkids.com](http://www.bigbenkids.com)

DAK Kindercentra

[www.dakkindercentra.nl](http://www.dakkindercentra.nl)

Kindergarden

[www.kindergarden.nl](http://www.kindergarden.nl)

2Samen

[www.2samen.nl](http://www.2samen.nl)

TASID

[www.tasid.nl](http://www.tasid.nl)

Triodus

[www.triodus.nl](http://www.triodus.nl)

Zo Kinderopvang

[www.zokinderopvang.nl](http://www.zokinderopvang.nl)

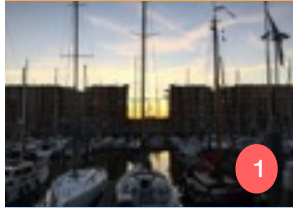
Zein

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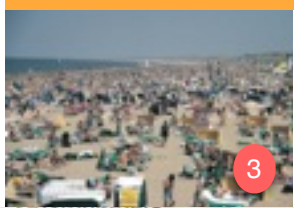
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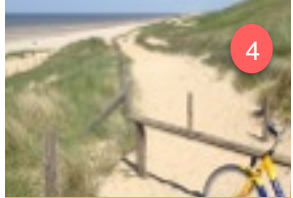
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(BIKE PATHS)

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PEACE PALACE



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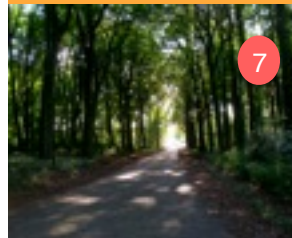
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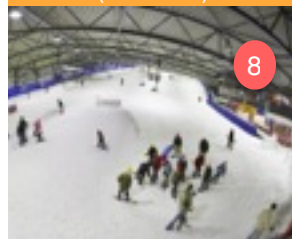
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(FOREST)

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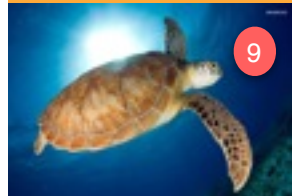
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SKATING)

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SEA LIFE  
AQUARIUM

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MUSEON  
(SCIENCE & CULTURE)



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MAURITSHUIS  
(GOLDEN AGE ART)

MADURODAM  
(MINIATURE HOLLAND)



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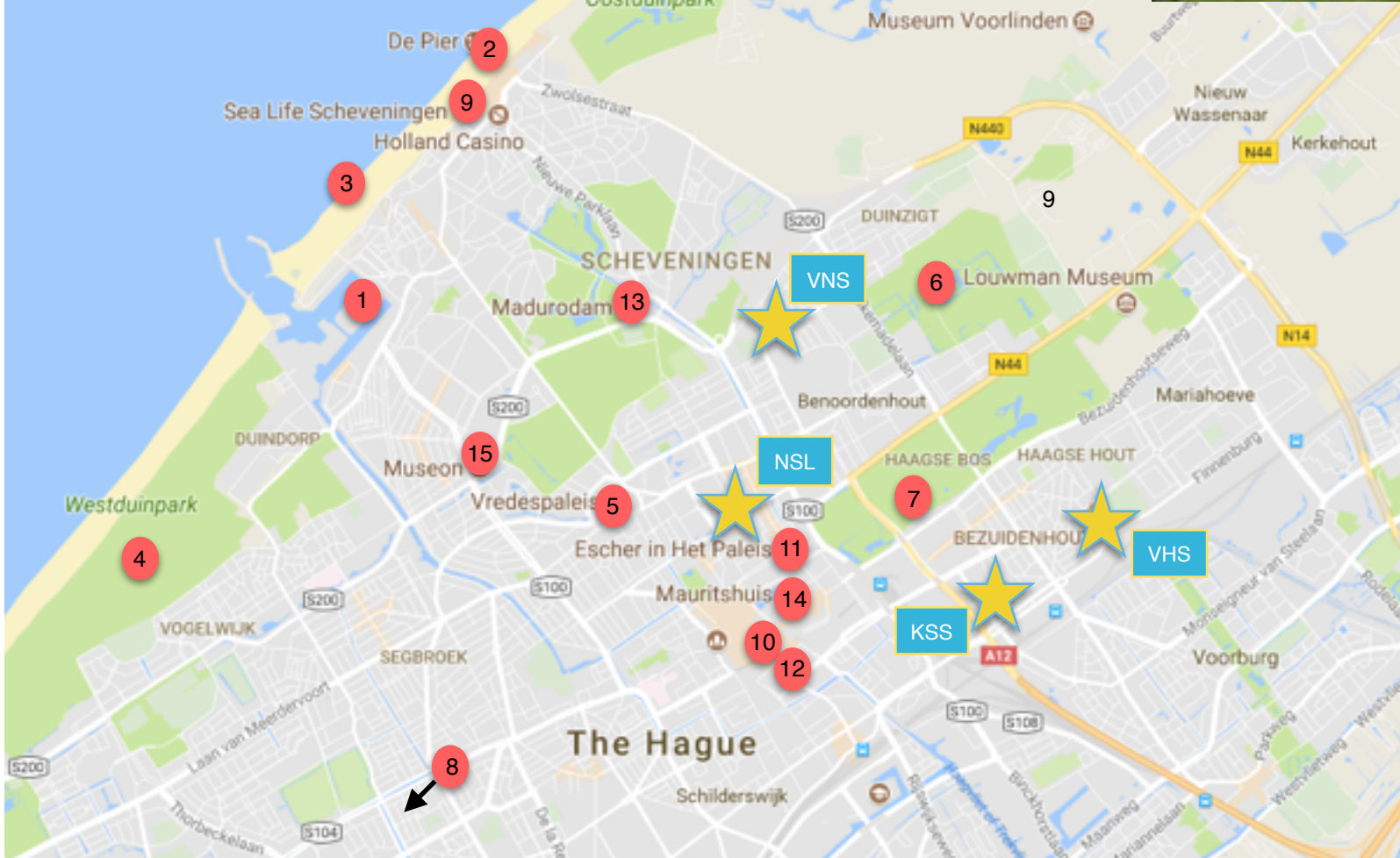
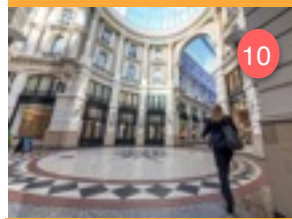
CHINA TOWN

ESCHER  
MUSEUM



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PASSAGE  
(SHOPPING)





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